

**THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
JUDICIARY**

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

9:00 a.m.

Room 521 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Judiciary was called to order by **Representative Paul Condino**, Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Condino, Coulouris, Bieda, Corriveau, Meadows, Meisner, Scott, Virgil Smith, Warren, Schuitmaker, Elsenheimer, Stakoe and Rick Jones.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives David Law and Rocca.

Representative Corriveau moved to adopt the minutes of the **March 29, 2007**, meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Representative Schuitmaker moved to excuse absent members from the committee. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Condino laid **HB 4548** before the committee:

HB 4548	Condino	Corrections; parole; certain improvements and enforcements of parole guidelines; provide for.
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TESTIMONY

Chairman Condino, sponsor of HB 4548, explained his bill to the committee.

Ron Bretz, Professor at the Thomas Cooley Law School and President of Citizens Alliance on Prisons and Public Spending (CAPPS) and **Barbara Levine**, Executive Director of CAPPS, testified and submitted written testimony in support of the bill.

Dale Daverman, representing Ross Hayes, testified and submitted written testimony in support of the bill.

Margaret Raben, representing the Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan (CDAM), testified in support of the bill.

Kathleen Schaefer, representing the Professional Probation and Parole Consulting, Inc., testified and submitted written testimony in support of the bill.

Barbara Gallina, representing her family, testified in support of the bill.

Due to time constraints the following people were unable to speak:

Maxine Thome, representing the National Association of Social Workers – Michigan Chapter, submitted written testimony in support of the bill.

Caroline Burgess, representing herself, submitted written testimony in support of the bill.

The following people submitted a card and did not wish to speak:

Paul Long, representing the Michigan Catholic Conference, supports the bill.

Penny Adrian, representing the Advocacy, Re-entry, Resources and Outreach (ARRO), supports the bill.

Laura Sager, representing Families Against Mandatory Minimums (FAMM), supports the bill.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

Representative Paul Condino, Chair
House Standing Committee on Judiciary
Malika Abdur-Rashid
Committee Clerk
517-373-7256
1 Hour and 31 Minutes